

UNSETTLED today, with showers tonight and tomorrow. Details on page 6.

24 DROWN AS BRIDGE COLLAPSES WITH 200 PEOPLE AT CHESTER

List of Identified Dead and Injured

All the identified dead are residents of Chester, except Mrs. Mary Deitz, whose home is in Ashland. Mrs. Eugene McRide, of Elmer.

The dead are:

Ralph Dorcy.
Harold Knopf.
Anna Hingler.
John Hingler.
John Harvey.
Edward Kline.
George Hamilton.
Thomas Murray.
Ruth Hawkins.
Ray Hawkins.
Ray Barker.
Mrs. Mary Deitz.
Mrs. Mary Deitz.
Mrs. Elmer Hingler.
Thomas Martin.
Eugene McRide.
Seven unidentified.

The injured:

Mrs. Bertha Hawkins.
Mrs. Mary Mackin.
Mrs. Ethel Levin.
Mrs. Florence Wittington.
Theresa Farrell.

FOUR FIRES CAUSE HALF MILLION LOSS AT ALEXANDRIA

Damage in the Shipyard Alone Estimated to Be \$200,000.

Four fires of possible incendiary origin, starting at about the same time last night threatened for a while the entire industrial district of Alexandria.

Two fires of the fireboat A. L. Thomas Wright and Frank Higgins, were injured in battling the flames. The loss at the shipyard alone is estimated at \$200,000. Six fire-fighters from the Trent-Amalgam Company helped to stem the spread of the flames for the other structures in the yards.

The Alexandria fire department could arrive. The size of the building was 150 by 200 feet.

Thief May Have Started It.

One of the possible explanations given for the origin of the shipbuilding blaze was that a thief had entered the building and in the sack of the building a light, igniting some chemical.

Within an hour of the start of the first fire a building adjacent to the shipyard, used as a storage house, burst into flames.

Part of this structure had been leased by the government for the storage of cotton since the war.

The loss to the government was not known last night. All of the cotton, however, and practically the entire three-story structure went up in smoke.

The flames from this building quickly spread to the shipyard.

Simultaneous with these fires, two other minor fires in different parts of Alexandria occurred.

The cause of the loss at these fires were not known last night.

The quick work of the fire departments prevented the spread of the flames, and the possible destruction of the entire shipyard.

Officials pointed out that the chemicals in a paint shop naturally lend themselves to the starting of any fire.

POLISH CABINET AGAIN RESIGNS

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The Polish cabinet has resigned, according to a dispatch from Warsaw today.

Crowd Was Watching the Police Drag Creek for Boy's Body.

MORE THAN FIFTY DROP INTO WATER

Crash of Foot Walk Under Strain Is With-out Warning.

CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 10.—Rescuers had recovered twenty-four bodies from Chester Creek here at midnight tonight, where nearly fifty persons were hurled into the stream when the Third Street Bridge collapsed with 200 people.

Police were still dragging and grappling in the deep stream for more bodies. A big net had been placed across the creek to prevent other bodies, believed to be in the water, from going downstream into the Delaware river.

The bridge collapsed when two hundred people, men, women and children, were watching police drag the stream for the body of a boy who drowned at the spot earlier in the evening.

Most of the dead and injured, the latter numbering five, were women and children.

Fifty Thrown Into Creek.

Without warning the whole north end of the structure collapsed, crumbling the concrete abutment to bits. More than fifty were thrown into the creek and many managed to scramble to safety, according to police.

Every hospital and morgue in this city and some nearby towns were crowded to capacity.

As soon as victims were recovered they were rushed to hospitals in an effort to resuscitate them.

Estimates of the number of injured ran as high as fifteen and twenty.

More than Dozen Revived.

More than a dozen of the victims taken from the creek were revived at hospitals by the use of pulmotors and released from the institutions, police said.

Nets were placed across the creek just below, where the accident took place so that no bodies which may still be in the water can drift downstream.

Police were still working frantically late tonight in an effort to ascertain whether there were more dead in the water.

The part of the bridge which collapsed was the footwalk where pedestrians cross. The bridge is made of iron, with cobblestones and street car tracks in the center and footwalks on each side.

At this point the creek is sixty feet wide and of sufficient depth to permit coal barges to dock at the banks.

A large portion of the crowd on the bridge was made up of patrons of a motion picture theater nearby, which had just let out. When the crowd heard of the dragging for the drowned boy's body scores of persons rushed to the bridge to look on.

The theatergoers, adding to the already large crowd which had gathered, put too much strain on the structure, and when the north end of the bridge became so crowded that not another person could get on, the steel supporting structure of the bridge gave way and hurled them into the stream.

Witnesses of the tragedy said that there was not the slightest warning of the crash before it occurred.

Sentiment in Business.

The old saying that "Business Is Business" gets a jolt once in a while when some big business firm stirs a little sentiment into the mixture.

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Throngs to Greet Miss Gorman at Station Tonight

Police to Guard Prizes Won by District Beauty.

Hundreds of the friends of Miss Margaret Gorman, 2015 Cambridge place, who was awarded the \$5,000 prize at Atlantic City as the most beautiful young woman in the United States, will gather at the Union Station at 10:25 tonight to welcome her back to Washington.

The pretty high school girl, who in the role of "Miss Washington" won the heart of a vast holiday throng at the seashore resort, will bring with her the various cups and prizes, with a total valuation of several thousand dollars, which were awarded her for her various phases of the intensely beauty competition.

As protection, a corps of policemen will be on hand to guard them until they are placed in safekeeping. Police officers will be detailed to keep the crowd in order and make a passageway for "Miss Washington" and her chaperon, Mrs. William Atherton DuPuy.

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DUBLIN REPORTS INVERNESS PLAN MEETING FAVOR

Irish Newspapers, and Many Sinn Feiners Indorse It.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Eamonn de Valera, as president of the Irish republic, has accepted the offer of Premier Lloyd George for peace, it was officially announced tonight.

The next conference will be held in Inverness, Scotland, on September 20, and will be on the basis of Irish and remaining within the British commonwealth.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.)

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Reports from Dublin to both the government and the Irish representatives here indicate that there is a strong demand among the rank and file of the Sinn Feiners for acceptance by Dal Bireann at its meeting Wednesday of the government's invitation to a conference at Inverness.

It is pointed out by Irish representatives here that it is quite within possibility for the Irish to ignore the first paragraphs of Prime Minister Lloyd George's letter and to accept an invitation to "ascertain how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire can be reconciled with Irish national aspirations." This is regarded as admitting discussion of every possible relationship, even that of a dual monarchy which is said to be the solution gaining favor among the moderates.

Irish Press Favors It.

A most significant sign is that the Irish press has recovered its voice and is talking for the first time with some show of independence. Every newspaper is urging acceptance.

It is stated in Dublin that De Valera will not accompany the delegation to Inverness but it will be led by Arthur Griffith, who is reported here that George's letter is considering postponing the date of the conference for a week. This is due to the fact that the "Highland Gathering," which is the fashion-able Highland function of the year, takes place in Inverness during the week of September 20 and the hotels are all booked to the doors.

Want Both Meetings.

The thrifty Highland hotel keepers want to have both the "Gathering" and the conference but they refuse to turn out the "Gathering" guests, who have more money to spend, for government officials.

The Herald's Belfast correspondent writes that the Ulster capital is very apprehensive over the ambiguity of the Prime Minister's last letter, which might be interpreted as allowing the reopening of Ulster's position to the Ulsterists, say, they will never consent.

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POLISH ALIVE MIDST FAMINE, SAYS GIBBONS

People Still Discuss Future Outlook of Starving Country.

WRITER MEETS TWO WHO LIVED IN U. S.

Former 'Frisco Kitchen Worker Envis American Working Class.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.)

SAMARA, Sept. 10.—In the midst of famine and death politics is still alive in Russia and anybody, who has strength enough, and the people who have are usually of the official class, is ready to tell you what is the matter with the country and how much better, or worse, it is going to be at an early date.

Benny Grabay, whose first job was in the washing dishes in a San Francisco restaurant, is now connected with the Communist forces commanding the Samara government. That is how I happened to meet him.

He says he wants to test his strength and like a Spartan he refuses my smokes.

"What made you a revolutionist?" I asked him tonight as we threaded our way through ragged bundles of refugees in the crowded Samara railroad yards, where the starving, homeless and sick could be seen shivering and scratching under their scanty coverings.

Intermittent electric bulbs and lights, each surrounded by a cloud of insects, threw a ghastly half light on that bivouac of misery.

"America," replied Benny. "Dis- washing was a bad start, but it was the best job I ever had. I saw money and lighter work than I ever had in the Russian leather factory. Besides I did not speak a word of English and in a room at night in several weeks I learned to say 'whoa' and 'get up' and I left dish- washing for a job as a driver as- sistant on a delivery wagon. I rattled around San Francisco on that wagon for two months, deliver- ing stuff to all kinds of places— big hotels, swell flat buildings and bungalows on the edge of town. That gave me a big chance to see the world and to see how America worked and lived. That is what made a revolutionist out of me."

"Was it so terrible as that?" I asked.

"Hell, no. It was like heaven compared to what our people were used to in Russia. Ever since I saw the American workman, with his home and family, wearing good clothing, eating three square meals a day and sending their kids to school, I thought of the workers in Russia—ignorant, half fed, living in cellars, two families to a room—no schooling—working from morning to night and then doing piece work at home—eating nothing but black bread and dried fish, and little of that."

While we were talking we walked on a platform between two trains of box cars loaded with refugees. He said, "I got a light" came the greeting in Russian from a Russian accent from the darkness of the car. As we stopped, a medium-sized, heavy-set man, with a ready black felt hat of American make, jumped from the car door to the platform.

Worked for Bethlehem Steel.

"Are you an American?" he asked the stranger as he lighted a new cigarette.

"Not so you could notice it," he replied. "I saw enough of that job. I took my first papers, but no more of that wage slavery for me. I am never going back there until I go back with a gang and change the government."

"What happened to you in America?" I asked.

"I worked for the Bethlehem Steel Company and they are the slickest gang of capitalist czars in the world. If I could blow that place off the map I would be happy."

We almost done it, too. We had a bunch and we belonged to the All-Russian Workers and Anarchists."

"What do you think of this government after America?" Benny asked.

"Lot of grafters," replied the bad man of Samara. "Look at all of us poor people starving to death and then look at all these commissars and Soviet officials running around in automobiles and drinking booze and keeping women in their places. I thought that this was going to be the land of freedom, but it is just the same as all the other gov- ernments—red tape and fat officials and starving people."

"Good night comrade, I wish you good luck," said Benny to the disgruntled one after he had casually snatched the latter's name and looking in Samara. Benny stepped fifty feet away and wrote them in his note book.

"He won't have to worry long about going out of here," said Benny. "My report on that goes into the Samara headquarters to- night. He will leave a damn sight sooner than he expects."

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Plate Printers' Outing.

Nearly 4,000 persons visited Chesapeake Beach yesterday on the annual excursion of Local No. 2 of the Plate Printers' Union. Scores remained at the resort overnight for the brilliant closing celebration. Athletic events, with cash prizes for the winners, constituted one of the principal features.

ROCK TO SAVE BIG MEMORIAL FROM SINKING

Lincoln Monument Can Now Be Solidly Founded.

FLOOR BASE CRACKS THROUGH SETTLING

Damage Can Be Seen From Below, But Not Above.

Layers of solid rock were struck 100 feet below the base of the Lincoln Memorial early yesterday morning and the walls of the \$3,000,000 building, which have been slowly sinking and slipping in the reclaimed ground for two months, are believed to be saved, Frank Kemom, engineer in charge, told The Herald last night.

Discovery of rock was the first ray of hope for the safety of the building to reward the efforts of engineers who have been digging for rock. The reclaimed land on which it was based could not sustain the weight of Washington's new and costly public building.

Struck Under West Wall.

Rock was first struck below the center of the west wall, but Kemom sunk a shaft below the north wall and sounded rock a little more than 100 feet below the structure's base. These tests, together with the substantial layers of rock struck below the west wall indicate that rock extends all around and under the memorial, Kemom said.

The building has been completely undermined by engineers since July, when it was discovered that the walls had sunk four inches, and three shifts of sixty men have been digging day and night for a rock base on which to found the concrete piers.

Floor Cracks.

When the building began to settle, the supporting piers slipped slightly because of their unsubstantial base and this caused the floor of the memorial to crack in numerous places. These cracks have been seen from beneath but not above. Water rose and the relief crew has had to haul out mud and drain the water. Below the north walls there is still thirty feet of water, which must be drained before excavating can be started and the piers can be lengthened.

Excavation has begun below a dozen piers, which are supported by beams during the undermining, and concrete will be filled in below them shortly. It was said yesterday. No more than a dozen piers will be

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DOG SHOW JUDGES ARE BEING CHOSEN

Kennel Club Officials Going Over List of National Authorities.

Officials of the Washington Kennel Clubs are considering a list of national authorities from which they expect to select judges for the club's eighth annual dog show to be held in the Coliseum over the Spratt's Patent, Ltd., of New York, N. Y. Dr. William F. Collins and Dr. D. E. Buckingham, club veterinarians, will pass on every dog entered and will look after their health and welfare during the show.

District May Purchase Two Army Automobiles

Purchase of two automobiles for the department chiefs, from the Federal government's surplus stock at Hog Island, was recommended yesterday by Thomas Robinson, chief machinist of the department, who inspected the stock and reported that the repairs, the automobiles would provide satisfactory service.

Commissioner Oyster said he favored immediate purchase and repair of the automobiles. Funds for the purchase are available, it is understood. All of the chiefs have automobiles. Several machines should be held in reserve for use while the others are being repaired. Fire Chief Watson said yesterday.

Three Months for Theft.

Ernest Ritchie, colored, who is alleged to have entered the school building at Forty-second street and Benning road northeast and stolen \$100 and a bunch of keys from the purse of Virgie Stokes, the janitress, was sentenced yesterday to serve three months in jail by Judge Harding in Police Court, on a charge of larceny. Ritchie admitted taking the keys, but denied touching the money.

Harding Confers On Labor Problem During Journey

May Call Conference in Atlantic City—Car Dodges Chicken.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 10.—President Harding and his party arrived here shortly after midnight tonight on their motor trip from Washington. They immediately went to their rooms in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

The Presidential Yacht Mayflower is due to arrive in New York tomorrow, and the party probably will motor to that city Tuesday or Wednesday, returning to the Capital on the yacht.

President Harding and Secretary Hoover were unable to leave governmental matters entirely behind on the executive party's motor trip, and spent most of their time discussing the proposed conference on unemployment.

It was understood they were concentrating principally upon the personnel of the commission which will attempt to alleviate the present situation. While the site of the conference has not yet been fixed, it was believed that it might be held here.

The party, traveling in four automobiles, arrived in Philadelphia shortly after 6 o'clock, and had dinner at the Stratford Hotel.

A chicken nearly caused a tragedy after the party left Baltimore. The chicken ran across the road after the President's car and just in front of the Secret Service machine. The latter stopped suddenly to avoid striking the fowl, and the following car, coming alongside, a little girl, seeking to rescue the chicken, dashed into the road, and the last car swerved just in time to miss her by inches.

LABOR WILL BACK HARDING'S PLANS IN ARMS PARLEY

Gompers Plans National-Wide Celebration as Conference Opens.

A nation-wide demonstration in favor of international disarmament will be staged by organized labor as President Harding's disarmament conference opens in Washington on November 11, President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, announced yesterday.

Labor, Gompers said, hopes to unite all the people of the country in a big Armistice Day celebration to show to the world that the American public is solidly back of President Harding's step toward disarmament.

Parades and Meetings.

Thousands of central labor unions throughout the country are asked by the national officials to take the lead in each city or community in bringing together the disarmament sentiment in the form of parades and mass meetings. Included in the program of the labor organization is an extensive celebration of Armistice Day.

Plans announced by the federation are being put into operation by Samuel Gompers, by authority of the executive council, in conformity with the established position of the American Federation of Labor in favor of disarmament, a position taken by the A. F. of L. in convention in 1887.

Letter to Organization.

Trade unions, State federations, civic bodies, women's organizations and labor organizations were sent the following letter by Gompers by order of the executive council:

"The executive council of the American Federation of Labor has decided to support the international conference on the limitation of disarmament, the overwhelming world demonstration to stop conducting international affairs on a military basis."

"In accordance with the action of the executive council every central labor union in America is urged to make every effort to perform a definite duty in order that the disarmament conference may not forget its purpose, and in order that the largest possible disarmament may be secured."

Back U. S. Delegates.

"On the opening of the disarmament conference November 11 there should be a national demonstration, giving voice to the thought and determination of America, backing up our government in its leadership toward disarmament, and giving courage and determination to the American representatives in the international conference."

"The time has come now to speak with the full volume of our voice, joining with all other elements in American life and citizenship whose faith is akin to ours and whose love for peace is as deep. It is expected that every city central body will join in the national demonstration, leaving no link in the great chain across the country."

"It is highly desirable that this great Armistice Day disarmament demonstration be not along the expression of labor's views, but that it be the expression of the views of our citizenship, under labor's leadership."

"Action is the need of the hour. The time has come to disarm," is the slogan. The hour has struck to make good our faith in democracy, to bring success to a great constructive movement in which labor has been the leader."

Unfilled Steel Orders Decreased in August

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation decreased 298,398, it was announced today. The unfilled tonnage totalled 4,511,226 August 31, compared with 4,810,324 July 31; 5,117,888 June 30, and 10,805,028 August 31, 1920.

Forty-one Bodies Found, Millions Loss Reported in San Antonio Disaster

Nearby Towns Suffer Damage by Flood and Storm.

CITY DEATH LIST MAY REACH 150

Conservative Estimate Is 100—Soldiers Get 500 To Safety.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 10.—With forty-one bodies in morgues at San Antonio as the result of storms and floods, reports of havoc in other parts of South Central Texas began to filter in over crippled wires tonight.

Extensive damage was reported from Hutto, South Austin, Cameron, Belton and other small towns as the result of rains. The estimated damage of \$5,000,000 in San Antonio, was augmented by reports of \$1,000,000 damage near Cameron, hundreds of thousands dollars damage to the South Central Texas cotton crop, railway bridges, highways, villages and farm property.

100 to 150 Dead in City.

Some estimates place property damage in San Antonio as high as \$12,000,000 and loss of life at 150. These estimates were made by city officials or police, but more conservative hazards list the death toll stand at 100.

More than 1,000 homes were inundated in San Antonio, most of them wrecked by the twelve to fifteen feet of water that rushed into the city from the San Antonio River near midnight, as most of the city was asleep, hurrying buildings from foundations and crumbling them against one another.

Heavy Residence Damage.

Scenes of tragedy and horror were uncovered by soldiers, police and other rescue workers in the residence district. Debris was piled high tonight, where the water had receded almost as quickly as it swept into the streets.

Heaviest property loss was in the city's downtown district. Blocks of street paving were swept away. Heaviest damages to residences was in the vicinity of Alamo Creek, where a strip of residences two miles in length and a half mile wide was wrecked or swept away.

Soldiers Hold Back Mobs.

Loss of life was heaviest in this district, where the water, crushing in walls on persons asleep, snuffed out scores of lives. All day today relatives and relief workers cleared away mud-baked planks of debris and uncovering victims.

Soldiers from army camps of the Eighth army corps near San Antonio held back the thousands of curious and scores of looters who tried to surge into the stricken residence district where nothing had been left but a two-mile strip of chaos, buildings warped, twisted and blackened by mud.

Heroic work of soldiers rushed here from Forts Sam Houston and Travis was responsible today for hundreds of lives being saved. Braving the whirling waters and crosscurrents, the men risked their own lives to bring 500 or more persons to safety from floating houses, tree tops and every imaginable place of refuge.

Passes Necessary.

Military passes were necessary to get into the wrecked districts in the vicinity of Alamo Creek. Although the city was not under martial law, it was virtually under military control and soldiers stationed at entrances to the restricted zone kept out all but relief workers and others with military passes.

Relief work will continue throughout the night and in the meantime efforts will be made to get in touch with the territory around Austin, Cameron, Taylor and several other points where violent wind storm and rains ranging from six inches to cloudbursts were reported.

Reports from Country.

Houses were reported blown down in a number of small towns in Milam County, in dispatches received tonight. The sheriff's office here was trying to verify report that the towns of Hutto and South Austin, near the State capital, were wrecked.

A half score of persons were known to have been injured there. Railroad traffic was demoralized in South Texas by the storms and floods. He Katy's crack "Texas Special" was marooned between Georgetown and Austin, according to latest available reports.

Five persons were held at police headquarters tonight on a charge of looting. While the job was being done by the police, the city was being looted by the army of the homeless.

Relief work was organized and \$21,500 was subscribed to relief funds at a mass meeting called this afternoon by Mayor Black, and as the result, which was arranged for military authorities to supply the homeless with tents.

Sylvan Lang was appointed head of the committee to solicit funds for the relief work. Civilian heads to co-operate with the Red Cross and arrange for taking care of bodies of victims were also named. The market house was selected as a morgue.

Club to Visit Caverns.

One hundred and fifty members of the Red Triangle Club of the Y. M. C. A. will leave this morning to visit Endless Caverns, Va. The caverns are owned by Col. Edward T. Brown and his son, Maj. Edward M. Brown, 1712 I street northwest, J. O. Johnson is president of the Triangle Club.